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Patent No. 6,969,133 B2

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For: MULTI-PURPOSE ELEMENT FOR
SLIDING METAL RACKS
LOCATED INSIDE FURNITURE

Art Unit: 3637

Examiner: Ms. Janet Marie Wilkens

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.322

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of Correction

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Certificate of Correction for U.S. Patent No. 6,969,133 issued November 29, 2005. Upon reviewing the document, the patentee noted that errors were made by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which should be corrected as follows:

In column 2, after line 4 and before line 5, insert the following:

"The rear end (1a) of the box-type bar (1) is open in order to act as entrance for the telescopic guide (2), which is provided with a hook (2a) capable of fitting into the niche (3) suitably located in the rear end of the bar (1), as shown in FIG. 2.

Once the guide (2) has been completely inserted into the bar (1), the hook (2a) automatically hooks the bar (1) that can no

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longer be detached from the guide (2) fixed inside the two sides of the cabinet by simply lifting it upwards.

The box-type bar (1) is mounted on both sides of a metal rack (4), becoming an integral part of the structure of the rack (4).

The coupling of the bars (1) to the guides (2) through the hook (2a) eliminates any risk of overturning the rack at the end of the extraction travel.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention, a lateral side (1b) of the bar (1) has some holes (5) (only two in this specific case), in which the ends of an equivalent number of rod irons (6) are forced, becoming an integral part of the rack (4).

This means that the metal rack manufacturer will provide the furniture maker in charge of installing the metal racks in the cabinets with a metal rack (4) already provided with two lateral bearing bars (1).

The furniture maker will only need to fix the telescopic guides (2) inside the two sides of the cabinet.

The installation of the rack (4) inside the cabinet is very simple.

Once the guide (2) has been inserted into the open rear end (1a) of the bar (1), the rack (4) can be pushed forward to completely insert the two guides (2) into the two bars (1). Each bar (1) is provided with a coupling latch in order to automatically stop the guide (2) inside the bar (1) at the end of its forward travel.

The coupling latch prevents the rack (4) from exiting from the guides (2).

With particular reference to FIGS 3 and 4, it must be noted that the coupling latch is made up of an elastically flexible tongue (7) located on a wall of the bar (1) provided with two notches (8) capable of isolating the intermediate tongue (7).

The internal face of the tongue (7) has a section (7a) with higher thickness provided with a seat (7b) that can house the tooth (2b) located on the internal wall of the guide (2).

When the guide (2) is inserted inside the bar (1), the tooth (2b) interferes with the section (7a) causing the elastic outward flexion of the tongue (7), that snaps back into its idle position as soon as the tooth (2b) passes over the section (7a) and fits into the seat (7b).

On its front end (1d), on the upper wall, the bar (1) is provided with a seat (9) in which a special bracket (10) can be fitted and tightened on the internal face of the front panel (11), to obtain a drawer with a metal rack in its internal compartment.

If the bracket (10) is not mounted on the bar (1), the slot (9) can be covered with a lid (12) forced inside the slot (9).

The description above clearly shows the multi-purpose function of the bar (1) that can act as:

bearing structure for the body of the metal rack (4);
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In column 2, line 54, change "Multi-purposes element" to read "Multi-purpose elements".

In column 4, line 4, "from the" and before "bar-type", insert "respective".

The originally filed application was filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 based on International Application No. PCT/IT01/00284. The application consisted of five (5) pages of specification and two (2) pages of claims.

The Office Action of September 23, 2003 objected to the specification because each section of the specification should be introduced by headings. The applicant filed an Amendment on November 6, 2003 in which the specification was amended to insert the required headings. The Amendment did not reproduce the entire five pages of the specification but followed the instructions provided in Rev. 3 (02/24/03) as enclosed. Replacement paragraphs or sections were submitted in which the only changes made were the insertion of the headings which were underlined. All of the headings were made on pages 1-3 of the specification as originally submitted. After the last heading DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION, the Amendment included the next following paragraph which is in accordance with the enclosed directive. Since no further headings were inserted, it would be incorrect to reproduce the entire balance (approximately 2½ pages) of the specification.

When the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office printed the allowed patent, the major portion of the specification was omitted. This Request for Certificate of Correction is to insert the omitted material.

Further in columns 2 and 4, the corrections were made by the Examiner's Amendment which accompanied the Notice of Allowability. The issued patent did not correctly include these portions of the claims.

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Since all of the error for which a Certificate of Correction is sought were a result of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mistakes, no fee is due (35 U.S.C. §254).

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- (4) A claim being canceled must be listed in the claim listing with the status identifier "canceled"; the text of the claim must not be presented. Providing an instruction to cancel is optional.
- (5) Any claims added by amendment must be presented in the claim listing with the status identifier "(new)": the text of the claim must not be underlined.
- (6) All of the claims in the claim listing must be presented in ascending numerical order. Consecutive canceled, or not entered, claims may be aggregated into one statement (e.g., Claims 1 – 5 (canceled)).

Example of listing of claims (use of the word "claim" before the claim number is optional):

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (previously presented): A bucket with a handle.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A handle comprising an elongated wire.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): The handle of claim 7 further comprising a plastic grip.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A bucket with a green blue handle.

Claim 10 (original): The bucket of claim 9 wherein the handle is made of wood.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (not entered)

Claim 13 (new): A bucket with plastic sides and bottom.

B) Amendments to the specification:

Amendments to the specification, including the abstract, must be made by presenting a replacement paragraph or section or abstract marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. An accompanying clean version is not required and should not be presented. Newly added paragraphs or sections, including a new abstract (instead of a replacement abstract), must not be underlined. A replacement or new abstract must be submitted on a separate sheet, 37 CFR 1.72. If a substitute specification is being submitted to incorporate extensive amendments, both a clean version (which will be entered) and a marked up version must be submitted as per 37 CFR 1.125.

The changes in any replacement paragraph or section, or substitute specification must be shown by underlining (for added matter) or strikethrough (for deleted matter) with 2 exceptions: (1) for deletion of five characters or fewer, double brackets may be used (e.g., [[eroor]]); and (2) if strikethrough cannot be easily perceived (e.g., deletion of the number "4" or certain punctuation marks), double brackets must be used (e.g., [[4]]). As an alternative to using double brackets, however, extra portions of text may be included before and after text being deleted, all in strikethrough, followed by including and underlining the extra text with the desired change (e.g., number 4 as number 14 as)

C) Amendments to drawing figures:

Drawing changes must be made by presenting replacement figures which incorporate the desired changes and which comply with 37 CFR 1.84. An explanation of the changes made must be presented either in the drawing amendments or remarks, section of the amendment, and may be accompanied by a marked-up copy of one or more of the figures being amended, with annotations. Any replacement drawing sheet must be identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet" and include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even though only one figure may be amended. Any marked-up (annotated) copy showing changes must be labeled "Annotated Marked-up Drawings" and accompany the replacement sheet in the amendment (e.g., as an appendix).

The figure or figure number of the amended drawing(s) must not be labeled as "amended." If the changes to the drawing figure(s) are not accepted by the examiner, applicant will be notified of any required corrective action in the next Office action. No further drawing submission will be required, unless applicant is notified.

Questions regarding the submission of amendments pursuant to the revised practice set forth in this flyer should be directed to: Elizabeth Dougherty or Gena Jones, Legal Advisors, or Joe Narcavage, Senior Special Projects Examiner, Office of Patent Legal Administration, by e-mail to patentpractice@uspto.gov or by phone at (703) 305-1616.

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